

## **Station 9: „People´s Receiver“ (1930s)**

All politicians tried to make use of the new medium. Finally, the Nazis abused radio as an instrument of propaganda. Under the motto, „A radio in every German home“, small, cheap radios, like the „people´s receiver“ for instance, were mass produced. Radio then soon became a mass medium: in 1932, there were 4.2 million registered listeners, and by 1939, that number had increased to 12.5 million. From that year onwards however, German listeners had to do without radio´s function as a bridge to the outside world: when war broke out, listening to foreign radio stations was banned. Britain´s BBC however continued to broadcast special programmes for German listeners.

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*"Oooooohh, no. I ain´t gonna switch that radio on. Might turn too far, and before ya know, I´m a traitor. Our good ol´ Doctor Goebbels don´t like that one bit! Don´t drool so much over that London station. What´s it to you if ya know how many ´ve been shot in Norway, how many ´ve been hanged in Prag, and how many ´ve been put away in France. Why make such a big deal about it? We happen to be in the middle of imposin´ a new culture on a united Europe. And anyone who doesn´t buy that just gets knocked off. The ideal German subject´s deaf, dumb and blind."*

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